State Industrial Development Corporation Limited Service Rules, 1978 by revising the draft rules;

(b) whether any change, addition or modification in the draft rules requires approval of the Board of Directors and issuance of Notifications for its staff members before incorporating them in the staff regulations referred to at 'a' above;

(c) whether in revised service Rules Provisions have specifically been incorporated in regard to the members of Departmental Promotional / Selection Committee (DPC) for various cadres and pay scales;

(d) whether there have been cases in which Senior Officers have been replaced by Junior Officers of lower pay scales in violation of rules;

(e) if so, what remedial measures have been taken so far; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the negative, whether the management of DSIDC propose to fix responsibility for violating the provisions of staff regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

UNDP Training of NCCSM Scientists

657. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 23 Scientists of National Council for Cement and Building Materials were sent for UNDP training abroad during the last three years;

(b) wha was the criteria of selection of these Scientists; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many Senior Scientists were not given an opportunity for such foreign training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) 27 Engineers/Scientists from National Council for Cement and Building Meterials (NCB) and one each from Cement Corporation of India and Directorate General of Technical Development were sent abroad for training on fellowship under UNDP Project "Strengthening NCB Capabilities in Productivity Enhancement of Cement industry."

(b) The selection for fellowship is made by the Government of India/UNDP on the recommendations of a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director/ Deputy Secretary of Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, with Secreatary General, Cement Manufacturers Association and three officials of NCB.

(c) No, Sir. Seniority is not the only criterion for selection. The suitability and basic knowledge of the candidate are kept in view at the time of his selection for the course of training.

Hunger strike by Officials of NCCBM

658. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials of the National Council for Cement and Building Materials were on hunger strike recently for eight days to protest against its promotion policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of the National Council for Cement and Building Meterials does not entertain its staff Association because of its registration under the Indian Trade Union Act, 1926; and